

[3] you say that the Bell has ret^d. from a disappointed Voyage, but it is not the worst that might have been expected—Pray how bad is it? Has she brought any Money, & if she has not how are we to pay Hudson? I send by your Express what I had prepared to send by Mr. Blackledge—

THO. BLOUNT

11th May 1793

Addressed: Mr. John G. Blount

Washington

Mr Blackledge

Benjamin Atkinson to John Gray Blount

BENSBOROUGH May the 14th. 1793

Mr. John G Blount Dear Sir the arrival of Spencer has Taken me on a Surprise, his agreement deliverd me saith the first of May [June, *sic*] it appears my agreement in his Possession say the 20th of may I must try to do something and endeavour to load him if Possible I have Bought the 100 bb^s. Tar from Johnson for Gershom Homer, and shall endeavour to have it ready by the appointed time, I wish you could lend me 25 H^{ds}. Pitch or if it was seventy I should be glad, so as to make Captain Spencer a load, Mr. Johnson Writes me I shall have Pitch from him the Next load his flat makes, can you Spare me from Twenty five to Seventy Barrels as it may be covenant to you You may Take 25 Barrels of Pork out of Johnson flat to go on Board the Brig as I think it Safer to ship the Pork in the Brig then such a Small Vessel you must Take Stokes load on Board the Brig and make out the Rest of her load within yourself Pray do hurry her away I fear She will not get to Norfolk by the first day of June and in case She does not [2] Arrive by that time it is likely they will not take the Naval Stores at the price they have Proposed should they not Take them I expect fully to Sink the freight, Please to take Bills of Loading from Cap^t. Spencer to deliver his cargo at Norfolk to Care of Warren Ashley Agent to Watson Stott & C^o. I have delivered Cap^t. Spencer a letter inclose one of the Bills of Loading in the same also please to send on one Bill of Loading by the Brig^t. and a Letter how you want the